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Title: INDUSTRIAL ROBOT WITH A BALANCING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identification as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Clean copy of claims:

- 3. Industrial robot according to claim 1, characterized in that the telescopic unit (9) comprises a pull rod (23) and a guide tube (26).
- 6. Industrial robot according to claim 1, characterized in that the first spring seat (15) comprises a spring housing (15a).
- 13. Method for an industrial robot according to claim 11, characterized in that the helical spring unit (10) is arranged coaxially on the telescopic unit (9).

Amended claims:

- 3. (Amended) Industrial robot according to [claims 1-2] <u>claim 1</u>, characterized in that the telescopic unit (9) comprises a pull rod (23) and a guide tube (26).
- 6. (Amended) Industrial robot according to [claims 1-4] <u>claim 1</u>, characterized in that the first spring seat (15) comprises a spring housing (15a).
- 13. (Amended) Method for an industrial robot according to [one of the claims 11-12] <u>claim 11</u>, characterized in that the helical spring unit (10) is arranged coaxially on the telescopic unit (9).

Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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